



March 9, 2006

***EX PARTE SUBMISSION***

Marlene H. Dortch  
Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12<sup>th</sup> Street, SW  
Washington, D.C. 20554

Re: *Ex Parte* Contact in *Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service*, CC Docket No. 96-45.

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Dear Ms. Dortch:

On March 8-9, 2006 Susan Gately of Economics and Technology, Inc. and the undersigned met with Narda Jones, Chief of the Telecommunications Access Policy Division of the Wireline Competition Bureau; Thomas Navin, Chief of the Wireline Competition Bureau; Ian Dillner, Legal Advisor to Chairman Kevin Martin; Jessica Rosenworcel, Legal Advisor to Commissioner Copps; and Scott Bergmann, Legal Advisor to Commissioner Adelstein to discuss the matters reflected in the attachment to this letter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'James S. Blaszak', written over a horizontal line.

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